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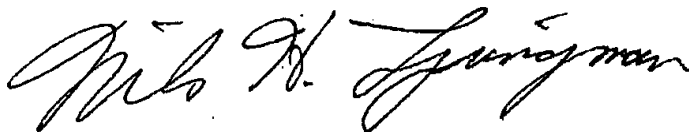
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TITLE: ZINC-CONTAINING OPTICAL GLASS MATERIALS

INFORMAL PROPOSED CLAIMS FOR INTERVIEW

The following are two informal proposed independent claims marked "A" and "B". These claims are for the Examiner's review in preparation for the telephonic interview between the Examiner and the undersigned scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, September 11, 2003, at 3:00 PM.

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A. (new) A zinc-containing optical glass, suitable for use as an optical element, with a refractive index (n_d) being in the range of from about 1.52 to about 1.66 and an Abbe number (v_d) being in the range of from about 35 to about 54;

said zinc-containing optical glass consisting essentially of, on an oxide basis, the composition of:

<u>Material</u>	<u>Percentage by weight</u>
SiO ₂	38 - 58
ZnO	0.3 - 42
PbO	0 - <30
sum of ZnO+PbO	20 - 55
Li ₂ O	0 - <3
Na ₂ O	0 - 14
K ₂ O	0 - 12
sum of Li ₂ O+Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	≥2
F	0 - 3
MgO	0 - 6
CaO	0 - <5

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SrO	0 - 6
BaO	0 - <0.9
B ₂ O ₃	0 - <1
Al ₂ O ₃	0 - <1.5
ZrO ₂	0 - <2.

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B ₂ O ₃	0 - <1
Al ₂ O ₃	0 - <1.5
ZrO ₂	0 - <2
Cs ₂ O	up to at most about 2.5;

up to about 5% by weight of one member of the group
and combinations thereof: Rb₂O, La₂O₃, Y₂O₃, and GeO₂;

≥0% by weight of a coloring component; and

≥0% by weight of at least one refining agent.